

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Wilson Announces TAA Benefits for Laid Off Workers at Gallipolis Plant

WASHINGTON, DC – Today Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) announced that workers at ElectroCraft Ohio, Inc., a Gallipolis based manufacturing plant, have qualified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) through the U.S. Department of Labor under the Recovery Act. With the TAA certification, the workers are now eligible to apply for worker re-training benefits through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The Department of Labor investigated in response to a petition filed on July 23, 2009 on behalf of ElectroCraft's workers. The investigation concluded that all workers of Electrocraft Ohio, Inc.'s PMDC Mobility unit, PMDC Servo unit, Stepper unit, and BLDC unit, including all on-site leased workers from Winans Sanitary Company and Securitas, who faced total or partial job loss on or after July 14, 2008 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance.

The workers produced motors for printers, copiers, pumps, centrifuges and wheelchairs. The Department of Labor concluded that the shift of motors to China and Taiwan contributed to many of the workers losing their jobs at PMDC Mobility. In addition, the other ElectroCraft units faced job loss because of increased imports.

"We need to fight for Ohio's workers," Wilson said. "TAA benefits helps workers get re-trained so they can get new jobs. Getting people back to work has always been my top priority."

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